

# FAST FUEL FACTS

# Ethanol



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## FUEL DESCRIPTION

- ◆ Liquid produced from grain or agricultural waste. E85 (blend of 85% denatured ethanol and 15% gasoline) is for light-duty applications, while E95 (blend of 95% denatured ethanol and 5% gasoline) is for heavy-duty applications. Light-duty applications for pure ethanol are under development.

## DOMESTIC CONTENT OF FUEL

- ◆ Based on Energy Policy Act definition, currently as high as 100% for pure ethanol, depending on world market price.



## FUELING

- ◆ Fueling is the same as with gasoline or diesel fuel.

## FUEL AVAILABILITY

- ◆ Fueling station availability is currently sparse: primarily in the upper Midwest, Washington, D.C., and California. *Contact sources on back.*
- ◆ E95 is available only through bulk suppliers.

## VEHICLE EXPERIENCE AND AVAILABILITY

- ◆ More than 400 vehicles configured specifically for E85 or E95 are in use. Methanol-compatible vehicles can be modified to use ethanol with relative ease.
- ◆ Chrysler offers E85 flexible-fuel Dodge Intrepid sedans in model year 1995.
- ◆ Ford offers 125 E85 flexible-fuel Taurus sedans in model year 1995; more expected in 1996.

## OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

- ◆ Has slightly lower driving range than comparable gasoline vehicle.
- ◆ Power, acceleration, payload, and cruise speed are comparable to those for equivalent internal-combustion engine.

## MAINTENANCE

- ◆ Use special lubricants available by direct order from supplier (slight cost premium over standard motor oils).
- ◆ Use E85-compatible replacement parts (that is, identify E85 as fuel when ordering).
- ◆ Maintenance assistance is available from local dealers; practices are very similar, if not identical, to those for conventionally fueled operations.

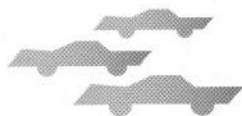
## SAFETY

- ◆ Training is required to operate and maintain vehicles.

## COSTS

- ◆ E85 fuel costs about twice what gasoline costs.
- ◆ E85 vehicle costs up to \$250 greater than gasoline-fueled vehicle, due to special fittings.

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